

Conversation with 41 year old black male, Detroit, Michigan (Transcription)

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IN: Oh, base-ball, and play with the slid, you know run and flop on the slid. and <oh?> well ride bikes, wagons, so forth. base-ball <so?> the main game we played.

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IN: Uh, there use to be a big field across where we lived, we use to play in that, and sometime we played in the alley.

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IN: Oh the west side here in Detroit.

<unintelligible text>, then? <unintelligible text>

IN: In the alley, if you knocked the ball in the alley you was out.

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<unintelligible text>

IN: Ok, about six maybe, about six.

<unintelligible text>

IN: Other games, um no I can't remember any now.

<unintelligible text>

IN: Oh, hide-and-go-seek. Yeah, we did that at night. Yeah, you know just before it would get dark, thats when it begin begin to get dark.

<unintelligible text>

IN: Um, you know, close the eyes and count, you know, while the other would hide, then after you get the certain number, then you go look for them, you know, and uh --
<unintelligible text> I think the last one was, the last one

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that they caught, you know it they beaten to the tree, then they'll have to count.

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IN: No, <Oh dear I forgot what they called it now?> its been so long.

<unintelligible text>

IN: Yeah, probably, yeah I imagine that what they call it.

<unintelligible text>

IN: Yeah, I forgot about marbles its been so long. Yeah we use to play marbles.

<unintelligible text>

IN: Draw a big circle and then it didn't went very long. all it is if you knocked it out of <the circle?> I know you would win, all of them you would knock out of the circle, yeah, I think that was the way it was you know you take turns, if you missed the other guy it would be his turn you know

<unintelligible text> going.

IN: As long as you keep hitting them you would keep going, that's about all I remember playing.

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IN: Yeah, we ride bikes and wagon. We use to make those scooter uh you know we would take an old pair of skates, and make a scooter, you know, out of two by fours. yeah we use to make those, and uh hoop take the hoop/ take a piece of wire and bend it, you know, and roll the wheel down, see.

<unintelligible text>

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IN: I like westerns, and uh westerns, lets see, I can't think of it, I know what it is, but I can't think of it, oh, I like these spy pictures too. I like those.

<unintelligible text>

IN: <unintelligible text> might- no, I don't think so, no, oh yeah, I looked at wrestling. I like wrestling. I looked at that last night, and us Peyton Place.

<unintelligible text> the last time you saw it.

IN: Oh, I don't pay too much attention to that- they had it on, you know, and I just halfway looked at it, but I don't pay too much attention to that, I like the westerns. I like action pictures mostly, you know. Of course, I don't care to much for the war pictures, but uh like westerns, anything about the old west you know, adventure programs, something like that.

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IN: Uh, uh let's see, it was a good one, no, what was that last one--I didn't look at it cause I got sleepy, and I said <unintelligible text> no use looking at it, but I missed <unintelligible text> but uh I haven't seen a western here lately. <unintelligible text> time I go to sleep. Boy, the last one I saw was something about these guy was- They're holding up a stage, stage coach, you know, stage coach robbery. No, that wasn't it, they were trying to break into a depot where the guy had some gold there, and

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they were trying to, well, they did-they dug a hole <thru?> these guys basement, you know. There the good <unintelligible text> into the place to get the gold and uh uh <unintelligible text> the people that the gold belonged to, like he come before they could get out, you know, and the two of them got killed, and they caught the third one, you know they put some stuff in a trunk you know, and it was running in a wagon and the guy shot two of them, well, shot all three of them, but only one of them died, two of them died rather, and one of them didn't, he wasn't hurt bad enough.

<unintelligible text>

IN: I did when I was a kid, I had a couple of dogs. I never did like dogs. I never asked for one. My step-mother, that woman that raised us, she lived in a small town, she sent them to us, you know, so many maybe I'd like them, but I never did care about no dog. We kept them for a little while and one day the gate was open, and the dog got away and never did come back. We had the dog about a year, and uh well, one of them was two, boy and girl dog. The boy died on about three or four months after he died, the other-somebody left the gate open and she got away and we never did see her no more. The we had a big old collie dog, my mother worked with some

<unintelligible text> somebody they gave her the dog, and uh everyday <unintelligible text> three people had something to do with the dog him cause he got out, and one day he come back, he got loose and somebody else had him, and uh they put a collar around him, and they called him Brueno, so we called him Brueno, and they called him something else, yeah, so evidently he must have been with two or three families. I forgot what happened to him now, <unintelligible text> I don't know where, the last time the guy we never did see him no more, that was it, its been so long ago, but I never did come <unintelligible text> for dog. I wish everyone we bought was- and I never <unintelligible text> liked them in the house if I ever had any we would always keep them outside. I don't like no dog in the house. I don't think its healthy for the dog to be in the house, let them stay outside. The only time we would let them in the house- we give him a bath, you know, let him stay in for an hour or two to get good and dry, and let him out again.

<unintelligible text>

IN: Oh yeah once in awhile. I was the youngest anyway, they was all older than I was. They didn't play with him too much-I'm the youngest of six.

<unintelligible text> true?

IN: Not that I can

remember, it might have been, but I can't remember now.

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<unintelligible text> bone?

IN: Oh, they use to make, yeah, thats right, yeah, I <unintelligible text> use to do that. I forgot about that. One day I was the shorter one. You <unintelligible text> suppose to get your wish, yeah thats right, I forgot about that.

<unintelligible text>

IN: No, I never did.

<unintelligible text>

IN: Uh, we put it under their pillow, and you know, the mother take it, the good fairy she gives them a quarter, you know, after he goes to sleep. She puts it under there.

<unintelligible text>

IN: oh, that was for him, I never never did do that, I mean my folks didn't do that, but thats what my wife does for him.

<unintelligible text>

IN: No, I can't.

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<unintelligible text>

IN: Subjects, oh, these-was, after I got in high school I didn't finish high school, but I started taking, I don't know, automobile really mechanics. I thought I wanted to be a mechanic, and after I got into it, I decided I didn't want that after all. other than that just the ordinary stuff-English, history, and math and stuff like that.

<unintelligible text>

IN: I use to like well,

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in grade school, well, I liked history, when I was in grade school. I liked geography, they called it geography. Then when I was in high school I liked history, and uh I like track, you know, run and jumpingand base-ball.

<unintelligible text> like?

IN: Yeah, well, I remember, you know, a little bit about it.

<unintelligible text>

IN: Well the same as they have now, as far as I know. The regular <stuff?>. The <seats? > might be a little different, you know, but uh about the <unintelligible text> same not much

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different you know, but you know a classroom with seats, blackboard, and uh thats about it.

<unintelligible text>

IN: The teacher, yeah that about it.

<unintelligible text>

IN: What do you mean out.

<unintelligible text>

IN: Oh yeah, a playground and uh bed grass in the front, flag pole and the grass in the front, and the playground in the behind the building.

<unintelligible text>

IN: On the playground-yeah, swings, and uh swings and slide, and we use to play soccer when I

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was in grade school, and they had uh, you know, the field post. They stayed there all the time, of course, in high school I didn't stay long enough to play foot-ball.

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<unintelligible text>

IN: I don't think they had the monkey bars like they do now, back in those days. I can't remember climbing, they maybe had a seesaw or something, but I can't remember anything to climb on. Of course we use to climb on the post, you know, the swing, you've seen them. We use to climb over them, and walk across them-like they have these monkey bars nowadays, I don't think they had them back in those days.

<unintelligible text> soccer.

IN: Uh, baseball, thats all.

<unintelligible text>

IN: Hollered a lot? Yeah, I think I had one.

<unintelligible text>

IN: I had one in the fifth grade, hollering at the kids mostly to be quiet, yeah that was the one thing, the kids was bad, you know, and she was an old maid teacher and she wasn't too young either, you know, so I guess maybe the kids was getting on her nerves, and she use to holler at you a lot.

<unintelligible text>

<unintelligible text>

IN: I can't remember now, oh, uh I had a couple of them that was nice, I had one person when I was in the third grade, and then when I was in the tenth grade, they just you know, seem to be nice, you know.

<unintelligible text>

IN: Well, the one that I remember about, the one in the tenth grade was some of the kids was bad, you know, and the good kids, you know, the good kids were making their own business and keeping quiet, well, you wouldn't have to stay after school, but if you was bad, you know, you would have to stay that's the one thing I remember about, about her, I know I never did have to stay. I never did in high school, but I never was bad, never broke up nothing you know, and try to keep someone else from going, if they wanted to go, but I didn't care about going myself.

<unintelligible text>

of the kids nowadays, they don't want to go and they try to keep the other kids, you know, they hang around school, and that's what don't make sense to me, if they don't like school what why do they want to hang around it, you know, they've been put out, you know a lot of them <unintelligible text> own and uh then they want to hang around.